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Ninja vs. Constrictai

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THE CONSTRICTAI

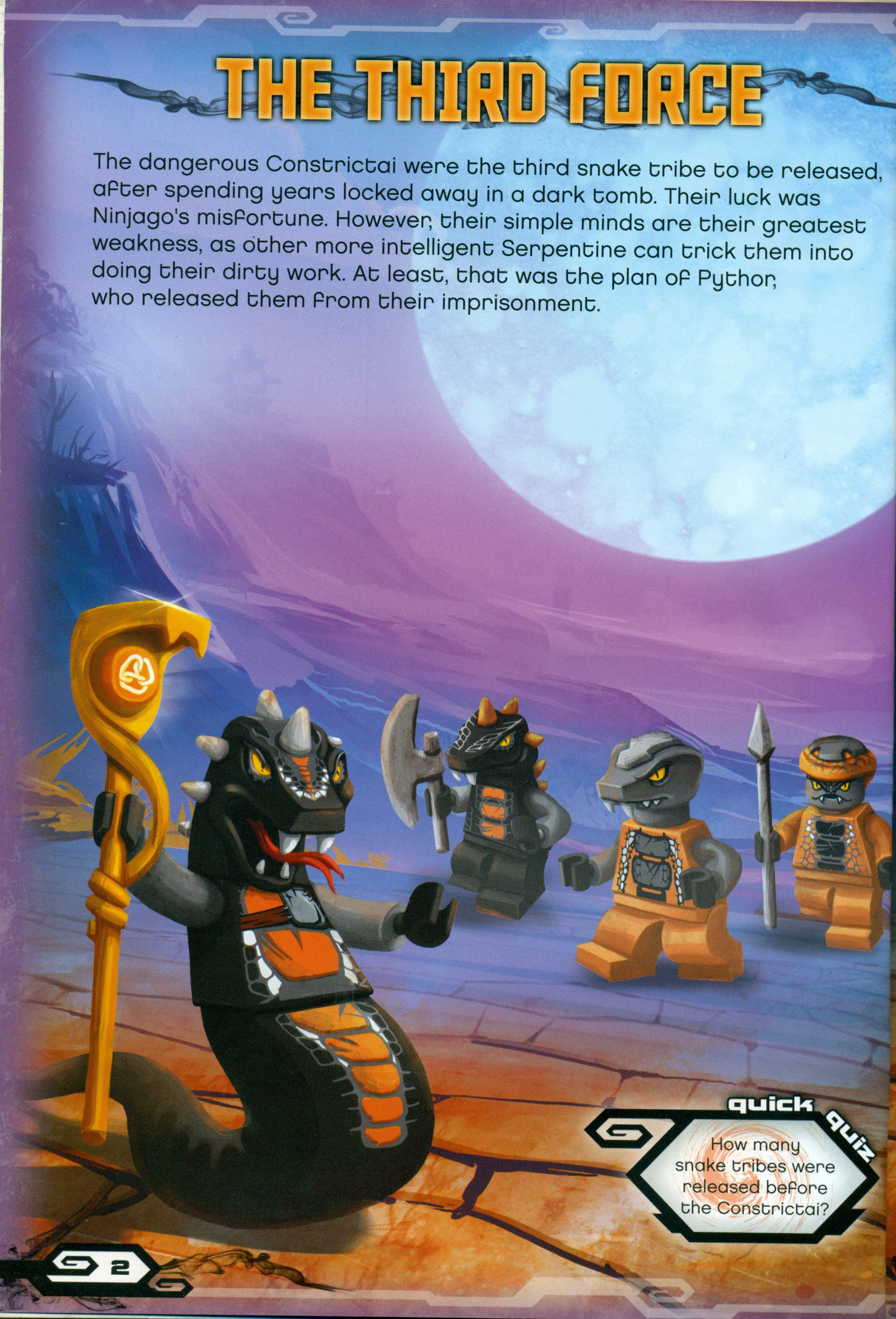
My name is Sensei Wu. One lesson I have always tried to teach my ninja is that it takes more than physical strength to win a battle. It also requires skill, intelligence, heart and courage.

But the Constrictai, one of the four tribes of the Serpentine, may well prove me wrong. Their power lies in their strength. They win their enemies and squeezing until they fall unconscious. It may not be the most complex tactic, but it is certainly effective. Come too close, and they will catch you in their deadly embrace.

I can only hope that my ninja remember their Spinjitzu training, and remain prepared for ambush. In a battle of strength, my ninja cannot win – but they have the skill to stop the Constrictai.

THE THIRD FORCE

The dangerous Constrictai were the third snake tribe to be released, after spending years locked away in a dark tomb. Their luck was Ninjago's misfortune. However, their simple minds are their greatest weakness, as other more intelligent Serpentine can trick them into doing their dirty work. At least, that was the plan of Pythor, who released them from their imprisonment.



quick quiz

How many snake tribes were released before the Constrictai?

SNAKE BITS

Apart from their general, the Constrictai are muscular and rather short. Choose the four pictures that make up the image of Chokun, and write their numbers in the boxes in the correct order.

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SNAKE POWER

The more snakes are released, the darker Ninjago's future seems to become. It is my ninja team's job to protect our world from this powerful enemy.

Skalidor

General Skalidor didn't get much exercise during his tribe's many years of confinement. So, even for a Constrictai, he's a little on the heavy side. Despite this, his reflexes are flawless and he will stop at nothing to triumph in battle. If all else fails, he will even resort to defeating an enemy by sitting on him and roaring in his face.

Bytar

Bytar is all about muscle. He likes to work out, but doesn't like to shower much – so he smells like a changing room full of old cheese sandwiches. This brute force bully will always win a wrestling match against any Serpentine – and any burping, eating or snoring match for that matter. He'll beat or eat anything (and sometimes both). He also likes to take naps or, as he calls it, "meditate on things".

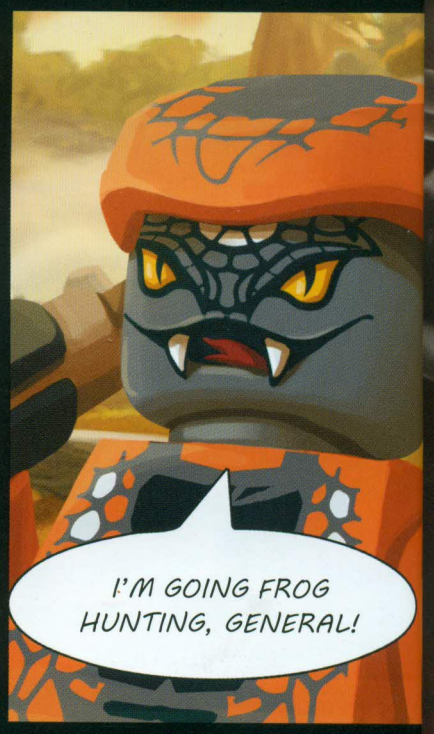
Chokun

When strategy and muscle aren't your strong points, it's always a good idea to rely on the strengths you do have. In Chokun's case, that's the massive size of his overbite. His modest appearance might seem like a disadvantage, but his huge, spiky teeth more than make up for it. He makes no secret of the fact that he's in it for the glory. And the orange outfit really suits him, which is a nice bonus.

Snike

Snike is the Constrictai's master sniper – or at least that's what he thinks. His most dangerous weapon is his spiked tail, which he uses to strike or crush his enemy. However, he is slightly cross-eyed, which means he doesn't always hit his target at the first attempt. He is dedicated to his work, though, and constantly practises his sniper skills on purple bog frogs and yellow overbloops. Not that he knows the difference, as he is also colour-blind.

FROG HUNTING



UNDERGROUND MAZE

The Constrictai spend much of their time burrowing and moving along in underground tunnels. Skalidor, Chokun and Snike have each dug their own tunnels to reach the surface. Which one will come out next to Zane?

quick quiz

Who released the Constrictai from their tomb?

NEVER TRUST A SNAKE

Both the Hypnobrai and the Fangpyre have betrayed Lloyd Garmadon (he's not very good at choosing friends). Hoping to find a new ally, he opened one more tomb . . . and found Python, the last surviving member of the feared Anacondrai tribe. Python had grown bored after eating his entire clan, so was quite excited to befriend Lloyd and work with him on new evil projects. However, it wasn't long before Lloyd was again betrayed. Python stole his map of the snake tombs and released the Constrictai. Now, Python's aim is to unite the snake tribes and take over the world!

DESTINY'S BOUNTY

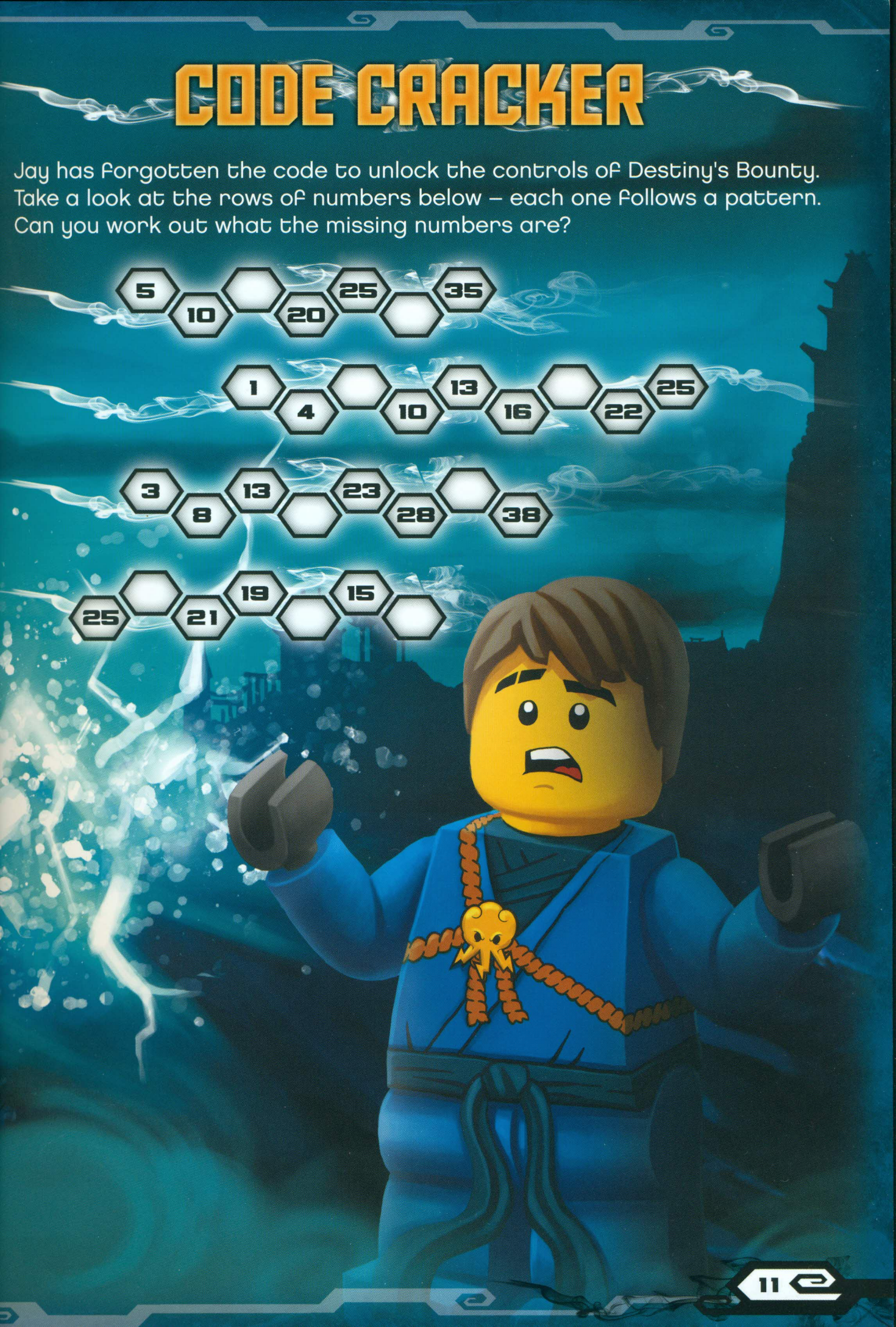
Destiny's Bounty has been the ninja's headquarters ever since the Hypnobrai destroyed Sensei Wu's dojo. When the team was left homeless, Zane, the Ninja of Ice, found the pitiful wreck of an ancient ship in the middle of the desert. Using their Spinjitzu skills, the ninja turned the abandoned ruin into a state-of-the-art technological marvel – armed and able to fly!

quick quiz

What is the name of the ninja who found Destiny's Bounty?

CODE CRACKER

Jay has forgotten the code to unlock the controls of Destiny's Bounty. Take a look at the rows of numbers below – each one follows a pattern. Can you work out what the missing numbers are?



CAVE FIGHT

It takes a very brave ninja to take on the Constrictai general! Look at the small pictures below and mark the five that appear in Cole's battle scene.

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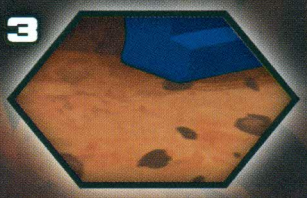
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NINJAGO SUDOKU

How fast can you complete this sudoku? Use pictures 1-4, but remember: each picture can appear only once in every row or column in the grid.

quick quiz
What power are the Constrictai famous for?

SNAKE'S HONOUR

Kai stalked silently through the abandoned mine. His pursuit of a Constrictai warrior, Bytar, had led him here, to a spot evidently once used as a nest by the snakes. They had long since left the place, but once he knew he was being hunted, Bytar had naturally headed for a spot he knew well.

The Ninja of Fire knew he was walking into an ambush. There were a thousand places Bytar could hide down here, after all. But the Constrictai had done a lot of damage in a nearby village, and Bytar had used his strength to bring down entire buildings. He had to be brought to justice. If that meant risking a trap, Kai was ready to take that risk.

Kai took cover behind an outcrop of rock and surveyed the terrain. The mine was old and had been emptied of anything of value. Thick wooden beams were placed at intervals to keep the rock ceiling from collapsing. The air was cool but heavy with dust, and Kai wondered how men had managed to work here all week long with no ventilation.

Just then, the ninja saw something move up ahead. It was only a slight movement, but enough to make him prepare for battle. A thousand possible Constrictai attack moves ran through his head in half an instant, followed by a thousand possible defences. Once he had his strategies in place, Kai stepped out into the open.

Bytar hissed and leaped from cover. Kai jumped in the air, allowing the snake to pass underneath him. The Constrictai struck one of the beams and grabbed hold of it.

Kai rolled and got to his feet. "Missed me. Want to try again?"

Bytar snarled, "I will crush you, ninja, as easily as I crush this!"

"Oh, no," Kai said. "I really don't think that's a good idea, snake, I –"

"Ha! You are afraid to see what is about to happen to you," Bytar replied. Then he exerted the remarkable power of his arms, squeezing the wooden beam until it fractured and collapsed. "There! You sssee?"

Kai glanced up at the ceiling. "I sure do! How about you?"

The rocks that had been held in place by the fallen beam had begun to shift. Then small stones began to rain down, followed by large boulders. Before eithe ninja or snake could get away, a ton of rock had collapsed around them with a mighty roar.

For a long time afterwards, all was quie Then some of the rocks from the top of the pile fell away and Kai emerged, bruised and dirty. He looked around and did not see Bytar, so he finished digging his way free. He was just surveying the damage done by the cave-in when he heard a hiss behind him.

"You lived? Good," said Bytar, crawling ou of the rubble. "I would hate to lose the pleasure of finishing you myself."

Kai gestured to the pile of rocks behind them. "Are you blind, snake? Thanks to

our giving the beam a great big hug, e're trapped. The way back to the urface is blocked, and the only way orward leads deeper underground."

ytar's face took on a look of dismay, ut only for a moment. "This was our est. There is sure to be another exit, ut not one a human like you could xpect to find. Your senses are too dull."

Somehow, I don't think you'll send back elp after you escape," said Kai. "So I am ticking with you."

Why would I want you to do that?"

ai ticked the reasons off on his fingers. One, two sets of eyes will find it faster han one; two, it's the polite thing to do; nd three, if you leave me behind, I can lways use my fire power to create some olten magma to chase you through the ine, so you'd have to hope you find the xit fast."

Bytar shrugged and gave a small smile. "Come, then. You think like a sssnake. You can travel in sssafety with me – sssnake's honour."

Kai and the Constrictai moved off together down the tunnel, neither letting the other fall too far behind or get too far ahead. After a few minutes, Kai said, "I do not think like a snake."

"Think what you like," said Bytar. "Threatening an opponent with hot lava just ssseems sssnake-like to me."

Kai wasn't sure what to say to that, so he changed the subject. "What is it with you snakes, anyway? Bad enough you want to rule Ninjago, but the way I hear it, you can't even get along with each other."

"True," Bytar acknowledged. They had reached a fork in the tunnel. Bytar nodded down the left path, saying, "I have a funny feeling the right path

leads to a dead end. And that is what we are both trying to avoid, is it not?"

Kai picked up a rock and tossed it into the darkness of the left-hand tunnel. There was a long, long silence and then the sound of the rock hitting the ground far below. The ninja smiled. There was a huge hole in the tunnel floor down that way, which no doubt Bytar knew all about.

"Right path," said Kai.

"Left," insisted Bytar.

Kai pointed to himself. "Whooosh. Sizzle. Ouch. Remember?"

"All right," agreed Bytar. "And no more tricks. Snake's honour."

The two turned down the right-hand path. Bytar started to talk. "There was a time when all the tribes got along fine, you know. But it did not last. Nature give every force strengths and weaknesses, and our weakness is that we all hate each other.

"Why, I recall a time," the snake continue "when Fangdam, Slithraa and I were working together to seize a jewelled sword that some stupid human had hidden – this was ages ago, of course. Well, we found it, but to get back, we ha to cross a narrow rope bridge high abov a river. It was in poor shape and only wid enough for one of usss at a time. Naturally, I volunteered to go firssst."

"Naturally," said Kai. "No doubt with the treasure in hand."

"When I was halfway across, I used the sword to cut the ropes that held the bridge up. It collapsed and I fell with my prize. I can still remember the faces of those two fools."

"How did you know you would survive the fall?" asked Kai.

"I didn't," Bytar replied. "But it was worth it to know the Fangpyre and Hypnobrai would not share in the treasure. As it was, I missssed the rocks below, landed in the water and ssswam to sssafety."

Kai got a mental image of what the fury on Fangdam's face must have looked like and chuckled. "Wow. That was a pretty dirty, rotten and effective trick."

"Thank you," said Bytar. "But you ninja must double-cross and betray each other all the time too. Isn't the goal to be the best?"

"Where I come from, being the best doesn't mean stepping on everyone else. It means being good enough that you don't have to."

Bytar made a sound that indicated he had no idea what Kai was talking about.

Then he pointed to a spot of light on the ceiling up ahead. "The sssecond exit."

The two unlikely travelling companions walked to the spot Bytar had pointed to. There was indeed a small hole in the ceiling. If there had ever been a ladder, it was gone now. Neither snake nor ninja were tall enough to reach the exit.

"Give me a boost," said Bytar. "Then I will pull you up." When he saw the doubt on Kai's face, the serpent added, "Sssnake's honour"

"You must think I'm crazy!" said Kai. "Why don't you give me a boost and I'll pull you up?"

"All right," said Bytar.

Kai frowned. He hadn't expected the snake to agree. What was it Bytar had said about it being worth the risk of drowning in the river as long as people he didn't like couldn't get something they

wanted? Who was to say the snake wouldn't be willing to get stuck in the mine forever as long as he knew Kai couldn't escape either?

"Okay, then," said Kai.

Bytar crouched down. Kai put a foot in the palms of the snake's outstretched hands and thrust himself upward. Before he could reach the hole, Bytar let go of his feet, wrapped both arms around Kai and began to squeeze.

Kai had been expecting something just like this. Before he could lose consciousness, he began to spin. It was dangerous using Spinjitzu here, as the cyclone would suck up all the air in the tunnel. But it was better than the alternative.

The ninja used his power as he never had before. Rather than whirling himself and Bytar around, he just spun himself, building up friction between himself and his captor. Within a minute, smoke was coming from Bytar's scales. The snake gave an angry hiss and let go, falling back against the wall and knocking himself out. Kai whirled straight up through the exit hole and onto the surface.

"I'll be back, with friends, to get you out and lock you up," Kai said, looking down through the hole at the sleeping snake. Then, smiling, he added, "Ninja's honour."

TRUE OR FALSE?

Kai was wise enough to know never to trust a snake, but which of the statements below can be trusted? Mark the true ones with a 'T' and the false ones with an 'F'.

1. Kai followed Bytar to an abandoned village.
2. The Constrictai leaped from cover and attacked Kai.
3. Kai caused the ceiling of the tunnel to collapse.
4. Bytar and Kai had to work together to find the way out.
5. Kai told Bytar a story about how he cheated his friends.
6. Bytar got out of the tunnel and left Kai behind.

THE WHITE NINJA

quick quiz

What is Zane's unique ability?

Quiet but smart, Zane is the only one of the four ninja who can see into the future. He often knows exactly what to do, even if he doesn't know why. He is loyal to his friends, even though they like to tease him when he doesn't get their jokes. Despite his odd ways, the ninja see Zane as one of their brothers. Still, he wishes more than anything that he could be more like the other guys. He is determined to discover more about his past, so that he can learn why he always feels like the odd one out.

ZANE'S SNOWMOBILE

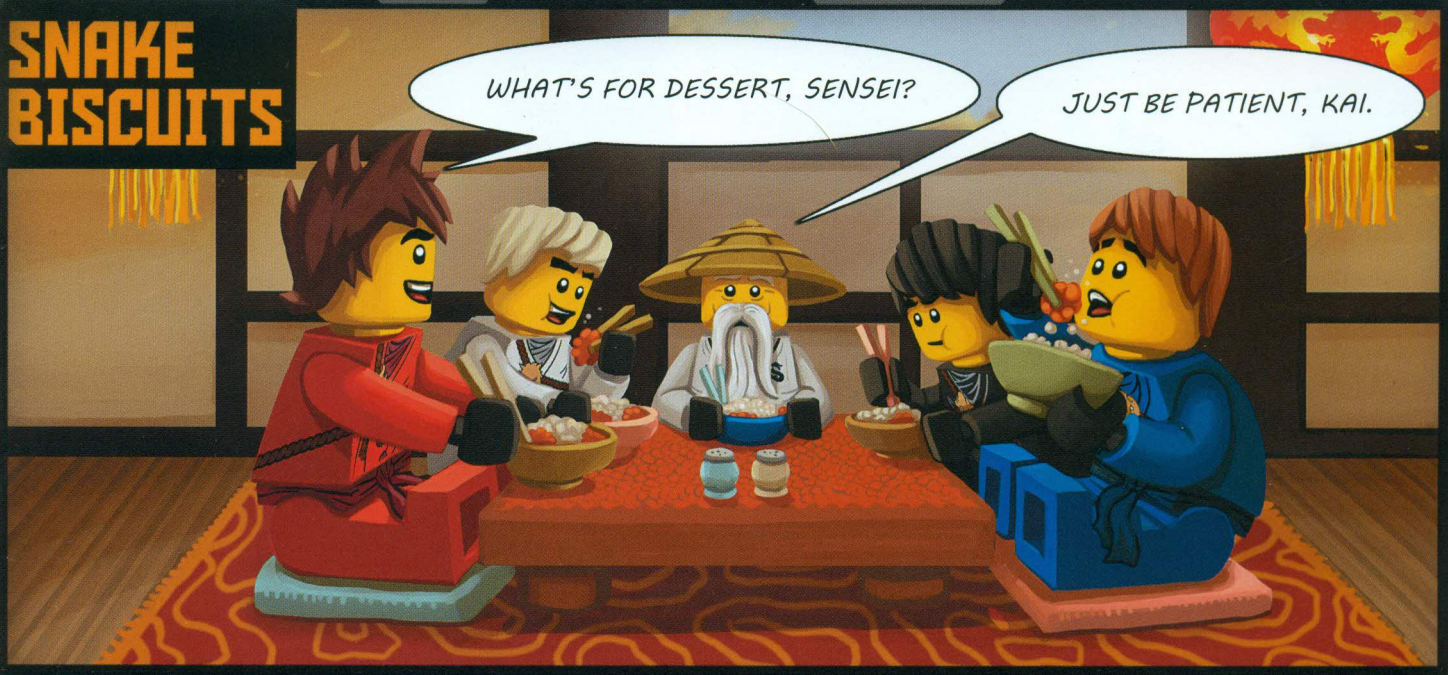
It might not be as powerful as the Ice Dragon, but Zane has never had a handier vehicle than the speedy Snowmobile! Light and quick, with a built-in ice-sprayer, this vehicle can skid out of trouble on even the toughest, iciest terrain!

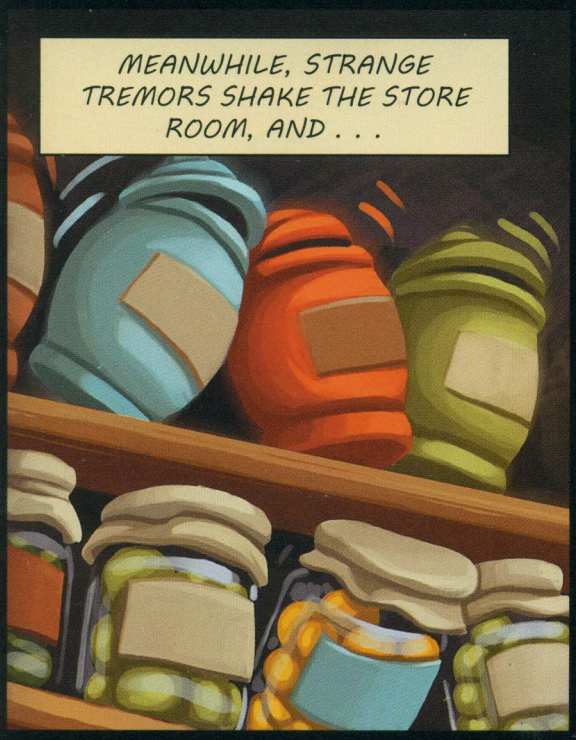
Mark the Golden Weapon that transforms into Zane's Snowmobile.

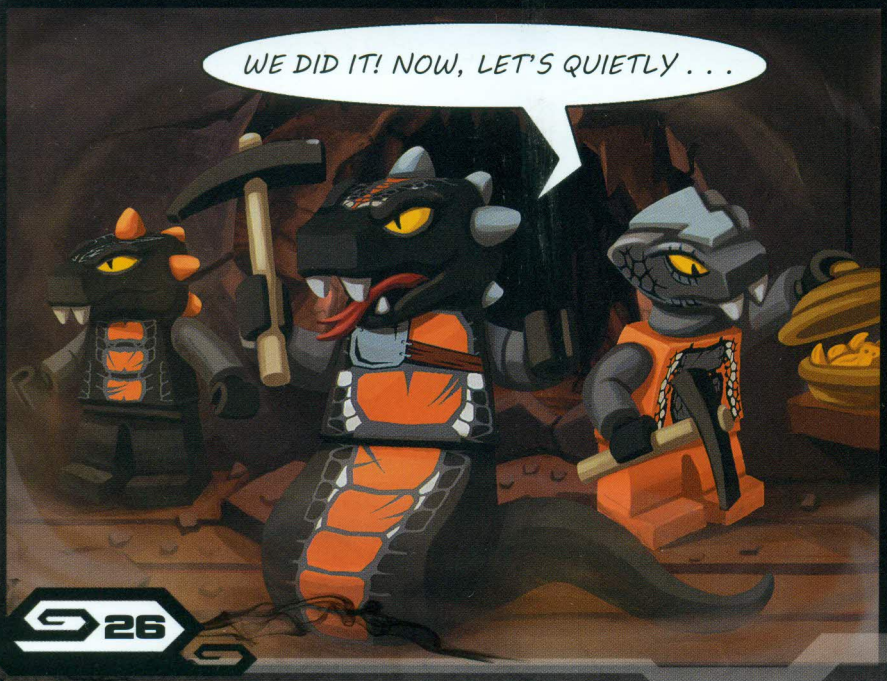
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

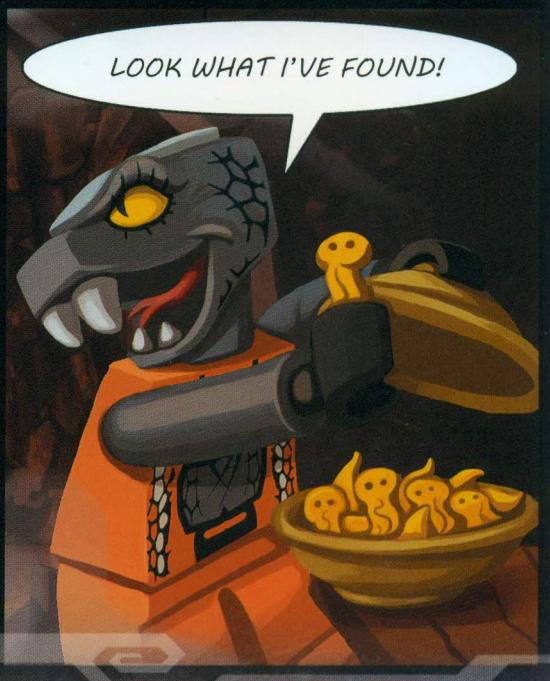
If only Pythor hadn't stolen the Sacred Flute from the ninja, ridding Ninjago of the Serpentine would have been easy. As easy as it looks in the two pictures below, in fact! Can you spot the ten differences between them?

SNAKE BISCUITS









SNAKE BISCUITS!!!
UPSTAIRS . . .
WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE?
GIVE ME THAT!
THEY'RE MINE!
THUD!
CHOMP!
UH-OH! IT APPEARS WE HAVE GUESTS FOR DINNER!
BUT NOW WE DON'T HAVE BISCUITS FOR DESSERT!

NINJA QUIZ

Just as the evening ends the day, the ninja quiz ends our adventure. Read the questions below, and use all of your ninja know-how to select the correct answer to each.

1 What's the biggest challenge for the ninja when fighting the Constrictai?

- **A** The Constrictai are very strong
- **B** The Constrictai know Spinjitzu
- **C** The Constrictai are very smart

2 What is the Constrictai's greatest weakness?

- **A** Their love of pastry
- **B** Their simple minds
- **C** Their fear of hamsters

3 What is the name of the Constrictai general?

- **A** Skalidor
- **B** Snike
- **C** Chokun

4 What does Bytar, a Constrictai warrior, smell like?

- **A** A changing room full of old cheese sandwiches
- **B** A dining room full of blueberry muffins
- **C** A shower room full of soap bubbles

5 What is Chokun's greatest strength?

- **A** His upper body strength
- **B** His huge, spiky teeth
- **C** His strategic skills

6 Which Constrictai is slightly cross-eyed?

- **A** Snike
- **B** Chokun
- **C** Bytar

7 How many times has Lloyd Garmadon been betrayed?

- **A** One
- **B** Two
- **C** Three

8 What is so special about the Destiny's Bounty?

- **A** It is beautiful, armed and it can fly
- **B** It is ancient, wrecked and pitiful
- **C** It looks exactly like Sensei Wu's old dojo

9 What is Zane's Snowmobile equipped with?

- **A** Snow cannon
- **B** Ice-sprayer
- **C** Ice-cream maker

10 What did Pythor steal from the ninja?

- **A** Map of Ninjago
- **B** Sacred Flute
- **C** Shurikens of Ice

ANSWERS

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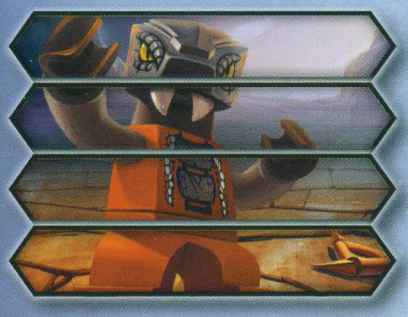

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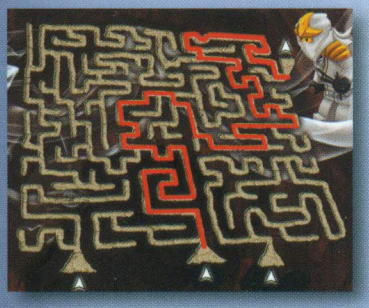

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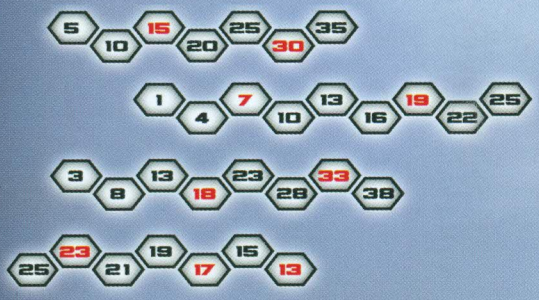

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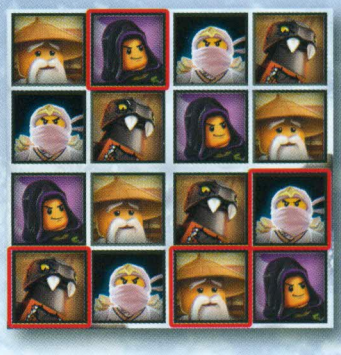

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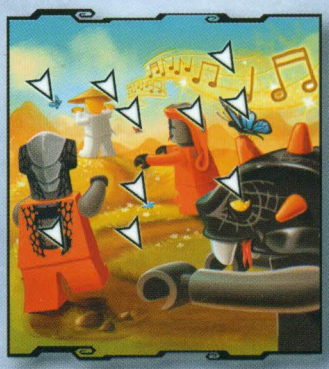

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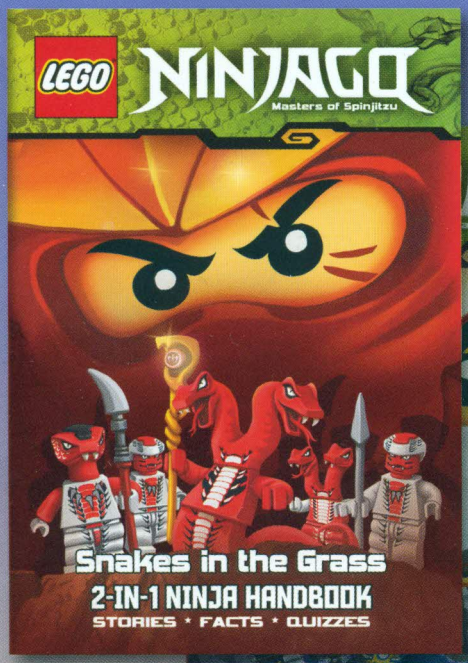
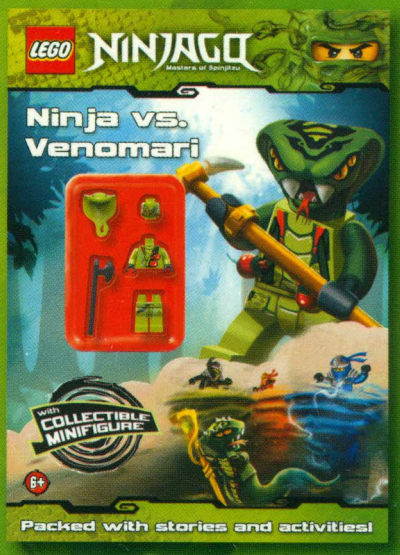


Read more spinning adventures of Kai, Cole, Jay and Zane. Find out how the four ninja protect Ninjago from its hissing and slithering threat, and learn some awesome facts about snakes!

The ninja warriors of Ninjago must take on a new foe: the dreaded Constrictai! Can Sensei Wu's four heroes defeat this dreaded tribe of slithering snakes? Solve the puzzles, read the stories and build your very own Zane minifigure!



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